



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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METHOD FOR THE CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF SILICON OXIDE

POWDER

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 1, 2003, it is kindly requested that the above identified application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION OF PACSIMILE TRANSMISSION